

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

20 Trinity Street - Suite 101 • Hartford, Connecticut 06106 - 1628

TO: Commissioner or Agency Head

RE: State Contractor Ban on Making or Soliciting Campaign Contributions

DATE: July 20, 2006

The Connecticut General Assembly enacted major campaign finance reform legislation during the 2005 and 2006 legislative sessions. Effective on and after December 31, 2006, the Act prohibits "principals" of state contractors and prospective state contractors, including those contractors who hold a valid Prequalification Certificate issued by the Commissioner of Administrative Services, from making or soliciting campaign contributions in connection with legislative or statewide election campaigns. The prohibition applies to state contractors and prospective state contractors with the State of Connecticut meeting certain financial criteria set for in the attached June 7, 2006 memorandum.

Using data from the recently concluded State Fiscal Year 2006 (i.e. -7/1/2005 - 6/30/2006), the State Elections Enforcement Commission (SEEC) determined contractors with the State of Connecticut meeting the criteria set forth in the ban. Each state agency received a worksheet and explanatory memorandum from Jeffrey Garfield dated June 26 identifying those contractors who did business directly with their agency.

Attached please find Jeffrey Garfield's June 26, 2006 memorandum, which addresses a state agency's duty to provide to the SEEC, for those contractors identified, a list of the names of its principals. Since your agency has designated the SEEC as its "authorized" agent to collect this principal information on its behalf, we will contact those contractors directly. All of the information provided in this memorandum is available at www.ct.gov/seec, which is the SEEC's homepage on the State Portal.

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